

Please attend this meeting and speak in favor of the Board of County Commissioners funding your Early Learning Coalition at the requested amount and against any reductions in your funding!

The information below was sent out by the Manatee County Government Community Services Department:

For the 4th year in row, Manatee County Government is facing unprecedented declines in revenues from its major revenue sources. Unfortunately, 2011 reflects the largest single year revenue decrease of the last 4 years.

On May 19, 2010, the Children's Services Advisory Board made program funding recommendations to the County using a projected funding amount provided by the County using information that was available at that point in time. Prior to July 1st, when final property valuations are returned, the County relies on projections to budget for the next year. Unfortunately, due to the flux in these projected numbers, the Advisory Board was provided with a total available funding amount not reflective of what the County now knows to be a more solid number.

As a result of the July 1st updated County revenue reports, the Children's Services funding source experienced a significant reduction in revenue compared to what was allocated on May 19th that must be addressed by the Children's Services Advisory Board or it will create such a shortfall next year that major funding cuts will have to be made for 2012 to sustain this County funding source. **The total amount of funding to be cut is \$812,000.**

Based on this information, the Children's Services Advisory Board has agreed to reconvene to reconsider their 2011 funding recommendations. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Manatee County Administrative Complex, 4th floor Manatee Room. All Children's Services Advisory Board meetings are open to the public.